



**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

**[Docket No. FSIS-2023-0013]**

**Notice of Request to Renew an Approved Information Collection:  
Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, FSIS is announcing its intention to request renewal of the approved information collection regarding poultry slaughter inspection. There are no changes to the existing information collection. The approval for this information collection will expire on August 31, 2023.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides commenters the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on the web page or to attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- Mail: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- Hand- or courier-delivered submittals: Deliver to 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 350-E, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Instructions:* All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2023-0013. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to background documents or comments received, call (202) 937-4272 to schedule a time to visit the FSIS Docket Room at 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 937-4272.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Modernization of Poultry Slaughter Inspection.

**OMB Number:** 0583-0156.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** August 31, 2023.

**Type of Request:** Renewal of an approved information collection.

**Abstract:** FSIS has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as specified in the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451, et seq.). This statute provides that FSIS is to protect the public by verifying that poultry products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled and packaged.

FSIS is requesting renewal of the approved information collection regarding poultry slaughter inspection. The approval for this information collection will expire on August 31, 2023. There are no changes to the existing information collection.

FSIS requires that all official poultry slaughter establishments, other than establishments that slaughter ratites, maintain as part of their HACCP plan, sanitation SOP, or other prerequisite program, written procedures addressing:

- (1) The prevention throughout the entire slaughter and dressing operation of contamination of carcasses and parts by enteric pathogens (e.g., *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*) and by fecal material, including microbial test results; and
- (2) the prevention of carcasses and parts contaminated by visible fecal material from entering the chiller (9 CFR 381.65(g)).

All establishments that slaughter poultry other than ratites are required to develop, implement, and maintain as part of their HACCP plan, sanitation SOP, or other prerequisite program written procedures for chilling poultry (9 CFR 381.66).

Each establishment operating under the New Poultry Inspection System (NPIS) is required to maintain records to

document that the products resulting from slaughter operations meet the definition of ready-to-cook poultry (9 CFR 381.76(b)(6)).

Additionally, each establishment operating under the NPIS also needs to submit on an annual basis an attestation to the management member of the local FSIS circuit safety committee stating that it maintains a program to monitor and document any work-related conditions of establishment workers.

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

*Estimate of Burden:* FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of .125 hours to record results and maintain necessary documentation.

*Respondents:* Official poultry establishments.

*Estimated No. of Respondents:* 289.

*Estimated No. of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 5,291.3.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 191,204 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record. Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3758, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700; (202) 937-4272.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of FSIS' functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

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